



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 20, 2013. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the 19 State Total Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2013. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through April 20, 2013 for the 19 State total were 2.62 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	March 16, 2013	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,212	27,971	28,383	28,140	28,392	27,912
Arkansas	21,156	21,080	21,504	21,500	21,809	21,109
Delaware	3,412	3,323	3,413	3,411	3,412	3,540
Florida	1,221	1,220	1,221	1,225	1,175	1,221
Georgia	33,182	32,852	32,702	32,908	32,961	33,132
Kentucky	7,831	7,660	7,780	7,643	7,707	7,740
Louisiana	3,395	3,455	3,531	3,500	3,546	3,546
Maryland	7,457	7,399	7,625	7,407	7,582	7,598
Mississippi	17,869	17,593	17,741	17,906	17,603	17,814
Missouri	7,938	8,126	8,027	7,686	8,341	8,313
North Carolina	19,926	19,942	20,350	20,022	19,878	19,797
Oklahoma	6,471	6,619	6,538	6,653	6,564	6,354
Pennsylvania	3,772	3,890	3,718	4,009	3,883	3,863
South Carolina	5,275	5,346	5,373	5,365	5,401	5,203
Texas	15,241	15,162	14,651	14,535	14,417	14,767
Virginia	6,653	6,518	6,591	6,622	6,636	6,562
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,726	11,273	11,023	10,956	10,738	10,759
19 State total	199,737	199,429	200,171	199,488	200,045	199,230
Percent of previous year	101	102	101	100	100	100
Other States	8,001	8,133	8,030	7,879	8,134	8,039
United States	207,738	207,562	208,201	207,367	208,179	207,269

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2013

State	Week ending					
	March 16, 2013	March 23, 2013	March 30, 2013	April 6, 2013	April 13, 2013	April 20, 2013
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,200	21,182	20,553	21,761	20,898	21,280
Arkansas	20,533	20,406	21,409	20,019	19,104	19,573
Delaware	3,583	4,602	3,808	4,213	3,685	3,652
Florida	1,224	1,141	1,291	1,224	1,328	1,443
Georgia	27,044	26,878	26,254	26,381	26,672	26,455
Kentucky	6,240	6,691	5,585	6,333	5,891	6,256
Louisiana	3,020	2,994	3,288	3,056	3,116	3,175
Maryland	6,281	5,503	6,642	5,548	6,691	5,981
Mississippi	14,961	14,896	14,374	15,113	14,917	15,069
Missouri	5,502	5,769	5,560	5,418	5,954	6,183
North Carolina	16,208	16,298	15,778	15,739	15,062	15,815
Oklahoma	4,364	4,171	3,390	4,005	4,439	4,260
Pennsylvania	3,011	2,947	3,118	2,990	3,092	3,032
South Carolina	3,894	3,898	4,811	4,644	4,744	4,292
Texas	12,425	12,471	12,133	12,612	12,676	12,050
Virginia	5,087	4,856	5,052	5,851	4,896	5,632
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,135	9,854	11,250	10,178	10,519	10,246
19 State total	164,712	164,557	164,296	165,085	163,684	164,394
Percent of previous year	101	100	99	100	100	99
Other States	5,508	5,767	5,690	5,837	6,329	6,077
United States	170,220	170,324	169,986	170,922	170,013	170,471

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

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